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# "DOCTOR WHO" 7N 'STORM OVER AVALLION' EPISODE THREE

#### CAST:

THE DOCTOR

ACE

BRIGADIER

SHOU YUING

WINIFRED BAMBERA

ANCELYN

MAJOR HUSAK

LAVEL

MR. ROWLINSON

ELIZABETH ROWLINSON

PETER WARMSLY

MORGAINE

MORDRED

KNIGHT COMMANDER

#### NON-SPEAKING:

GREY KNIGHT
MEN AT ARMS
CZECH UNIT TROOPS
BRITISH UNIT TROOPS
REGULAR ARMY
THE DESTROYER

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#### SETS:

Kingshall Airlock Bar Farmhouse Bedroom

#### OB LOCATIONS:

Missile Convoy, comprising

Ext. Convoy

Ext. Battlefield

Ext. Treeline

Ext. Ridge

Archeological, comprising

Ext. Dig

Ext. Lakeside

Hotel, comprising

Ext. Hotel

Ext. Beergarden

Ext. Crashsite

Ext. Memorial

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## OB LOCATIONS: (cont)

Woods, comprising

Ext. Road/Woods

Ext. Woods

Ext. 2CV

Ext. Range Rover

Int. 2CV

Int. Range Rover

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(REPRISE CLIFFHANGER)

#### 1. EXT. LAKESIDE. (OB) DAY.

(NEAR THE DIG.

PETER STARES GLOOMILY OUT AT THE LAKE.

BAMBERA AND ANCELYN COME UP BEHIND HIM)

BAMBERA: What are you doing?

PETER: (TIGHTLY) I came to get
away from the wreck that girl made
of my work.

BAMBERA: Are you OK?

PETER: I just need some peace and quiet.

# 2. INT. KINGSHALL. (STUDIO)

(THE DOCTOR ENVELOPED IN A BLUE NIMBUS OF LIGHT SAILS THROUGH THE AIR.

HE GOES SKIDDING PAINFULLY ACROSS THE FLOOR)

## 3. INT. AIRLOCK. (STUDIO)

(THE WATER IS UP TO ACE'S CHIN.

SHE LOOKS UP AND SEES A HATCH IN THE CEILING.

SHE DIVES DOWN, GRABS EXCALIBUR, SURFACES AND STARTS TO BANG THE HATCH WITH IT)

## 4. INT. KINGSHALL. (STUDIO)

(THE DOCTOR SPRINGS TO HIS FEET.

THE GHOST SNAKE CIRCLES.

HE SEES ACE'S LEGS KICKING IN THE WATER)

THE DOCTOR: Hang on Ace, I'm coming.

(THE GHOST SNAKE CHARGES HIM.

JUST AS IT'S
ABOUT TO HIT
HIM, HE DOES
A NEAT ACROBATIC
SPRING AND
SOMERSAULTS
OVER IT.

THE GHOST SNAKE MISSING HIM AND BARRELS PAST.

THE DOCTOR LANDS LIGHTLY ON HIS FEET NEAR THE AIRLOCK)

(TO GHOST SNAKE) I bet that surprised you. (TO HIMSELF) It surprised me.

(HE OPENS A HATCH NEAR THE AIRLOCK DOOR. INSIDE IS A SKIN LIKE MEMBRANE)

Voila, the controls.

#### 5. EXT. LAKESIDE. (OB) DAY.

(ANCELYN, PETER AND BAMBERA)

ANCELYN: Why do you dig holes in the ground?

PETER: To uncover the past.

ANCELYN: Do you not have songs for that?

PETER: Songs?

BAMBERA: You know, an oral history.

PETER: Oh yes, we have songs,
stories, poems. Trouble is they
get it wrong, they distort history.
I'm looking for the truth.

BAMBERA: Such as?

PETER: King Arthur.

ANCELYN: The High King.

PETER: This site is one of the places where the final battle between Arthur and Mordred is supposed to have occurred. And this lake, where Bedevere threw Excalibur. It's all rubbish of course.

## 6. INT. AIRLOCK. (STUDIO)

(ONLY ABOUT 2 CM OF CLEAR SPACE LEFT.

ONLY ACE'S
MOUTH CAN BE
SEEN. TRYING
TO GULP BREATHS)

#### 7. INT. KINGSHALL. (STUDIO)

(THE DOCTOR DUCKS AS THE GHOST SNAKE WHIPS OVER HIS HEAD)

#### THE DOCTOR: Missed.

(HE POSES HIS HAND IN FRONT OF THE MEMBRANE)

I hate Biotechnology.

(HE PLUNGES HIS HAND INTO THE MEMBRANE. THERE IS A NASTY SQUELCHY SOUND)

It's so ... (cont ...)

(HE HEAVES A
NODULE OUT OF
THE MEMBRANE.
ABOUT THE SIZE
OF A FIST AND
A PALLID WHITE
COLOUR. IT
PULSES RHYTHMICALY
IN HIS HAND.
WHITE GELL DRIPS
OFF IT AND THE
DOCTOR'S HAND.

STRANDS TRAILING BACK INTO THE RUPTURED MEMBRANE) THE DOCTOR: (cont) ... messy. (LOOKS AT AIRLOCK) Now.

(HE LOOKS AT THE NODULE AND CONCENTRATES)

## 8. INT. AIRLOCK. (STUDIO)

(THE HATCH IN THE CEILING OPENS AND ACE STILL HOLDING EXCALIBUR GOES SHOOTING UP THROUGH IT)

#### MODEL SHOT 1.

(WE CANNOT SEE
ALL THE SPACESHIP, JUST THE
UPPER CURVE OF
IT'S CRUSTECEANLIKE SHELL.

A HATCH OPENS, A STREAM OF BUBBLES POUR OUT.

ACE IS ALMOST OBSCURED BY THEM AS SHE SHOOTS OUT TOWARDS THE SURFACE)

# 9. INT. KINGSHALL. (STUDIO)

(THE DOCTOR LOOKS PLEASED. HE TURNS AND HOLDS THE NODULE UP)

THE DOCTOR: Now to deal with you.

(THE GHOST SNAKE HAS GONE.

THE HALL IS OMINOUSLY QUIET)

Come out, little tapeworm, wherever you are.

(THE GHOST SNAKE LASHES OUT FROM NOWHERE.

THE NODULE GOES FLYING TO LAND SQUELCHILY BY THE ENTRANCE)

There's no need to be like that.

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#### 10. EXT. LAKESIDE. (OB) DAY.

(BAMBERA STARES OUT OVER THE LAKE.

ANCELYN AND PETER NEARBY)

ANCELYN: What do you know of Excalibur?

<u>PETER:</u> Arthur's magical sword, presented to him by the Lady of the Lake. Who rose out of the water holding the sword excalibur aloft.

ANCELYN: (EXCITED) This lake?

PETER: It's just a myth. Honestly,
women in water, holding swords.

BAMBERA: Look!

PETER: It's the sort of thing
you see every day - What?

BAMBERA: Look!!

(OUT IN THE LAKE. EXCALIBUR EMERGES POINT FIRST FROM THE SURFACE, FOLLOWED BY A HAND AND THEN THE REST OF ACE)

PETER: It's that blasted girl.

BAMBERA: Quickly.

(THEY RUN ALONG THE SHORE.

ACE HAS STOOD UP AND IS WADING UP TO THE BANK. DRAGGING EXCALIBUR WITH HER)

What are you doing in the lake?

ACE: Drowning.

(PASSING SWORD TO ANCELYN)

Here you can be King of England.

(BAMBERA HELPS HER OUT OF THE LAKE)

ANCELYN: (IN AWE) Tis Excalibur.

ACE: That's what I said Shakespeare.

BAMBERA: Where's the Doctor?

ACE: In a spaceship. He's in trouble, we have to help him.

ANCELYN: (GAZING AT EXCALIBUR)
Truly, the time of Restitution has come.

SHOU YUING: (O.O.V.) Oi!

(THEY ALL TURN TO SEE SHOU YUING RUNNING TOWARDS THEM.

THE 2CV IS PARKED BEHIND HER)

#### 11. INT. KINGSHALL. (STUDIO)

(THE NODULE IS LYING NEAR THE ENTRANCE.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS AROUND. COAST IS CLEAR.

HE MAKES A DASH FOR THE NODULE. HALFWAY THERE THE GHOST SNAKE WRAPS AROUND HIS LEG.

HE GOES SPRAWLING.
THE GHOST SNAKE
STARTS TO WRAP
ITSELF AROUND
HIM. STARTING
AT HIS LEGS AND
MOVING UPWARDS.

HE WRIGGLES
DESPERATELY
TOWARDS THE NODULE.
HIS OUTSTRETCHED
HAND ONLY INCHES
FROM WHERE THE
HEART THING PULSES.

THE GHOST SNAKE COVERS HIS FACE.

A BIG SOLID ARMY BOOT SCRUNCHES ACCIDENTLY ON THE NODULE.

THE GHOST SNAKE EXPLODES INTO SHARDS OF LIGHT.

THE DOCTOR SPRINGS TO HIS FEET.

THE BRIGADIER FACES HIM)

BRIGADIER: I just can't let you
out of my sight, can I Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: Brigadier Alastair Gordon Lethbridge-Stewart. You recognised me then.

BRIGADIER: Yes. (LOOKS DOWN)
Excuse me a moment Doctor, I seem
to have stepped in something nasty.

THE DOCTOR: I think we all have Brigadier. Right up to our necks.

#### 12. INT. BAR. (STUDIO) DAY.

(ELIZABETH COMES INTO THE BAR. USING HER WHITE STICK TO CROSS THE FLOOR.

HER STICK TAPS AGAINST AN ARMOURED FOOT. SHE STOPS.

MORDRED IS
STANDING BEFORE
HER. SHE
REACHES OUT
CAREFULLY AND
TOUCHES HIS
SHOULDER)

ELIZABETH: (BACKING AWAY) Who are you, what do you want?

(MORDRED STANDS STILL)

Pat, come quickly. Patrick.

(MORDRED STEPS FORWARDS AND SEIZES HER WRIST)

Pat!

## 13. EXT. CRASH-SITE. (OB) DAY.

(ROWLINSON CARRIES A FIRST AID KIT UNDER HIS ARM. HE IS LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS.

A COLT 45 APPEARS AT HIS EAR)

LAVEL: Don't move.

(LAVEL HAS MADE A MAKESHIFT CRUTCH.

LAVEL PUTS THE GUN AWAY)

Are you from the hotel?

ROWLINSON: I own the hotel.

LAVEL: Then I'm very sorry for you. (SHE SEES SOMETHING) Regard!

(SHE PUSHES ROWLINSON OUT OF THE WAY.

HE GOES SPRAWLING.

A MAN AT ARMS ATTACKS LAVEL.

SHE PIVOTS NEATLY ON HER CRUTCH AND KICKS IT IN THE CHEST. IT FALLS BACKWARDS.

LAVEL STEPS FORWARD AND CLUBS IT NEATLY ON THE HEAD.

THE MAN AT ARMS LIES STILL.

LAVEL CHECKS ITS PULSE)

ROWLINSON: Is it dead?

LAVEL: I can't tell. Come on, we're too exposed here.

#### 14. EXT. DIG. (OB) DAY.

(SHOU YUING'S 2CV STANDS BY THE RANGE ROVER.

SHOU YUING LEADS, ACE, BAMBERA, ANCELYN AND PETER BACK TO THE HOLE IN THE GROUND)

BAMBERA: Down there?

SHOU YUING: Yes.

PETER: What about the steel door?

ACE: The Doctor said it was a trap. It lets you in but it doesn't let you out.

BAMBERA: It didn't let

me in. (TO SHOU YUING) You
said he was wearing a uniform.
(TOUCHES HER UNIT BADGE) Did he
have insignia like this?

SHOU YUING: A bit like that, but a bit more like that.

(SHE POINTS AT THE BRIGADIER, EMERGING FROM THE HOLE, FOLLOWED BY THE DOCTOR, DEEP IN CONVERSATION)

BRIGADIER: Why hasn't King Arthur woken up yet?

THE DOCTOR: I don't know. Perhaps it's just a matter of time.

BRIGADIER: Perhaps he's just a late riser.

(THE DOCTOR AND THE BRIGADIER NOTICE THE OTHERS STARING AT THEM)

THE DOCTOR: Come on, Ace. Time to save the world.

#### 15. EXT. MEMORIAL. (OB) DAY.

(MORGRAINE STANDS WITH THE TWO GREY KNIGHTS.

MEN AT ARMS NEARBY)

MORGRAINE: The final confrontation approaches. Where is my son?

KNIGHT COMMANDER: At the Hostelry,
my Lady.

MORGRAINE: Bid the men be ready. We must deal with Merlin.

#### 16. EXT. DIG. (OB) DAY.

(THE BRIGADIER AND THE DOCTOR WITH ACE, SHOU YUING AND ANCELYN)

ANCELYN: My Lord Merlin?

BRIGADIER: Merlin now?

ANCELYN: He has many names.

BRIGADIER: He has many companions,
this must be the latest one.

(ACE STARES AT HIM.

BAMBERA JOINS THEM)

BAMBERA: We checked the perimeter, nothing. Doctor Warmsly is staying with the vehicles.

BRIGADIER: Very good, Bambera. See if you can get a blanket or something for this young lady.

BAMBERA: (TIGHT) Yes sir, perhaps I should make some tea too.

(BAMBERA WALKS STIFFLY AWAY.

ANCELYN FOLLOWS)

BRIGADIER: Are you alright, Miss ...

ACE: Just call me the latest one.

(WALKS OFF AFTER BAMBERA)

I'll get the blanket myself.

BRIGADIER: Oh dear, women, not really my field.

THE DOCTOR: Don't worry Brigadier, people will be shooting at you soon.

## 17. EXT. NEAR MEMORIAL. (OB) DAY.

(MORGRAINE SENSES SOMETHING)

MORGRAINE: He has possession of Excalibur. Knight Commander.

KNIGHT COMMANDER: My Lady?

MORGRAINE: Take your men along yonder road. Seek out those that hold Excalibur, and take the sword from them.

KNIGHT COMMANDER: And if they resist
us?

MORGRAINE: Give them an honourable death.

# 18. EXT. HOTEL. (OB) DAY.

(LAVEL AND ROWLINSON OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE)

ROWLINSON: Stay here, I'll check
the coast is clear.

(HE STEPS INSIDE)

#### 19. INT. BAR. (OB) DAY.

(MORDRED STANDS AT THE BAR. ON WHICH SEVERAL EMPTY PINT GLASSES STAND.

ELIZABETH IS DRAWING YET ANOTHER PINT.

ROWLINSON ENTERS. TAKES IN THE SITUATION)

ROWLINSON: Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH: Pat, is that you?

(ROWLINSON JOINS HER BEHIND THE BAR. SHE EMBRACES HIM DESPERATELY)

ROWLINSON: Are you alright?

ELIZABETH: I'm fine. I'm alright.

MORDRED: (DRUNK) Your wife?

ROWLINSON: Yes.

MORDRED: With your aspect, it is well that she is blind.

(MORDRED LAUGHS AND DRAINS HIS GLASS MESSILY.

LAVEL BACKS IN AWKWARDLY. GUN IN HAND)

<u>LAVEL:</u> Someone's coming. A woman in armour ...

MORDRED: What is this?

(LAVEL TURNS TO FACE HIM)

So there is light in this grey world.

LAVEL: Don't move.

MORDRED: Am I to do nothing.

<u>LAVEL:</u> Vous pouvez payez l'addition - You can pay the bill if you like.

MORDRED: Light and fire. Come drink with me.

(HE LURCHES TO HIS FEET)

LAVEL: I said don't move.

MORDRED: I would wish for kinder words.

(MORGAINE ENTERS)

MORGAINE: Mordred. Who is this?

(LAVEL TURNS TO COVER MORGAINE)

MORDRED: A warrior maid.

MORGAINE: A warrior? Good. I would learn the strength of their forces.

(LAVEL POINTS THE GUN POINT BLANK AT MORGAINE)

LAVEL: I will shoot.

(MORGAINE PLACES HER HAND OVER END OF THE MUZZLE.

LAVEL SHOOTS.

MORGAINE OPENS HER HAND. METAL DUST TRICKLES OUT)

(IN FRENCH) (That's impossible).

MORGAINE: (MILDLY) Be silent.

(LAVEL'S MOUTH CLOSES WITH A SNAP)

Rest here and tell me.

(LAVEL'S GUN FALLS TO THE FLOOR WITH A CLATTER. SHE SINKS TO HER KNEES AS IF PRAYING TO MORGAINE, HEAD BOWED.

MORGAINE TOUCHES HER LIGHTLY ON BOTH TEMPLES)

Ah? (cont ...)

(LAVEL BEGINS TO SCREAM)

MORGAINE: (cont) (SOOTHING) Quietly my child.

(LAVEL STOPS SCREAMING. BUT SHE IS SHAKING.

SHE STOPS TREMBLING.

MORGAINE WITHDRAWS HER HANDS)

Now we know. Mordred.

(MORGAINE TURNS TO LEAVE, MORDRED FOLLOWS)

ROWLINSON: You can't leave her like that?

(MORGAINE TURNS TO LOOK AT THE CATALEPTIC LAVEL)

MORGAINE: You are right. (cont ...)

(SHE THROWS OUT HER ARM. THERE IS A BURST OF LIGHT FROM HER HAND.

LAVEL DISINTEGRATES IN A BLAZE OF LIGHT. NOTHING IS LEFT BUT A SORT OF SHADOW OF LAVEL ON THE FLOOR.

ROWLINSON SHUDDERS BACK.

MORGAINE TURNS TO ROWLINSON WHO IS SHAKING WITH FEAR)

MORGAINE: (cont) Did my son drink well?
I see that it is so. I must ...
(SEARCHES FOR PHRASE) L'addition.
I shall pay the bill.

(SHE ADVANCES ON ELIZABETH)

ROWLINSON: Get away from her you witch!

(MORGAINE WAVES NEGLIGENTLY AT ROWLINSON WHO FREEZES.

MORGAINE GENTLY TOUCHES ELIZABETH'S FOREHEAD FOR AN INSTANT.

MORGAINE SMILES. LOOKS BACK AT ROWLINSON AND LEAVES.

ELIZABETH CLAMPS HER HANDS OVER HER EYES. SHE STARTS TO SCREAM.

ROWLINSON RUSHES OVER TO HIS WIFE)

ELIZABETH: I can see, oh god Patrick.
I can see.

#### 20. EXT. DIG. (OB) DAY.

(ACE WRAPPED IN A BLANKET IS GETTING INTO THE RANGE ROVER.

SHOU YUING AND PETER ARE ALREADY IN THE BACK SEAT.

THE BRIGADIER TALKS TO BAMBERA.

THE DOCTOR IS WITH THEM)

BRIGADIER: Bambera, you and ...

THE DOCTOR: Ancelyn.

BRIGADIER: Take the other car.

BAMBERA: Yes sir.

(SHE COLLECTS ANCELYN AND TROT OVER TO THE 2CV)

Come on Ancelyn, looks like we get the deckchair.

(BAMBERA TURNS ON HIM AS IF TO SAY SOMETHING. DECIDES AGAINST IT AND ANGRILY WRENCHES THE 2CV'S PASSENGER DOOR OPEN)

ANCELYN: My Lady is vexed?

# 21. INT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

(BRIGADIER DRIVING.

THE DOCTOR IN THE PASSENGER SEAT.

ACE, SHOU YUING AND PETER IN THE BACK.

THE BRIGADIER PULLS THE RANGE ROVER OUT)

THE DOCTOR: We may run into trouble.

BRIGADIER: Really Doctor, you surprise
me.

ACE: Winifred isn't following.

BRIGADIER: Good Lord, is that her
name?

### 22. INT. 2CV. (OB) DAY.

(BAMBERA IS TRYING TO GET THE CAR GOING.

IT WON'T START)

BAMBERA: Now I'm vexed.

#### 23. INT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

(RANGE ROVER SPEEDING ALONG.

BRIGADIER ON HIS RADIO)

BRIGADIER: The radio's working now.

THE DOCTOR: Excalibur was jamming them.

ACE: And now we have excalibur.

BRIGADIER: Seabird, this is Greyhound One. What's the hold up? Over.

BAMBERA: (V.O.) Can't get the car started, over.

SHOU YUING: You'd better let me speak to her. It's my car, remember?

BRIGADIER: Of course, Miss.

(HE HANDS HER THE RADIO)

SHOU YUING: Listen Winifred, pull the choke half way out and ...

### 24. INT. 2CV. (OV). DAY.

SHOU YUING: (V.O.) ... hit the clutch twice. Got it?

(BAMBERA FOLLOWS THE ACTIONS DESCRIBED)

BAMERA: Got it.

(THE CAR STARTS)

Shame.

### 25. INT. ROAD/WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(THE KNIGHT COMMANDER LEADS THE MEN AT ARMS UP THE ROAD.

HE MOTIONS THEM TO DISPERSE.

THE MEN AT ARMS
DISPERSE INTO COVER
EITHER SIDE OF THE
ROAD.

THE KNIGHT COMMANDER LOOKS DOWN THE ROAD.

P.O.V. KNIGHT COMMANDER. LONG SHOT O THE RANGE ROVER DRIVING TOWARDS CAMERA.)

#### 26. INT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

THE DOCTOR: Something's wrong.

BRIGADIER: What?

THE DOCTOR: We haven't been attacked yet.

(THERE IS A
BIG EXPLOSION
IN FRONT OF
THE RANGE ROVER)

## 27. EXT. ROAD/WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(THE RANGE ROVER SWERVES PAST A FRESH CRATER IN THE ROAD)

## 28. INT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

BRIGADIER: Down.

(EVERYONE SLOUCHES AS DEEP AS POSSIBLE INTO THEIR SEATS)

# 29. EXT. ROAD/WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(THE NIGHT COMMANDER LEADS THE MEN AT ARMS OUT INTO THE ROAD AS THE RANGE ROVER BEARS DOWN AT THEM.

THEY OPEN FIRE,
BUT THE BRIGADIER
SWERVES THE RANGE
ROVER INTO A FISH
TAIL. IT SKIDS OVER
AND KNOCKS TWO OF
THE MEN AT ARMS
INTO A DITCH)

### 30. INT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

(THE BRIGADIER SKILLFULLY CHANGES GEAR AND STEPS DOWN ON THE ACCELERATOR)

## 31. EXT. ROAD/WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(THE RANGE ROVER
ACCELERATES AWAY
FROM THE MEN AT
ARMS WHO FIRE
THEIR WEAPONS AFTER
IT.

(IF POSSIBLE SHATTERING THE REAR WINDOWS. BITS BLOWING OFF THE BUMPER ETC)

THE RANGE ROVER
PASSES OUT OF VIEW)

#### 32. INT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

(SHOU YUING AND PETER ARE BADLY SHAKEN)

SHOU YIUNG: Are they gone?

PETER: Who were they?

BRIGADIER: Now Doctor, we've been attacked. Happy?

THE DOCTOR: Yes.

BRIGADIER: Oh good.

THE DOCTOR: While Morgaine has people shooting at us, she won't be using more obscure methods of attack.

BRIGADIER: Such as Doctor?

THE DOCTOR: I don't know, and I
don't want to find out.

# 33. INT. FARMHOUSE. (STUDIO) DAY.

(MORGAINE AND MORDRED)

MORDRED: The Knight Commander will stop them.

MORGAINE: Stop Merlin? No, I shall deal with Merlin. In my own manner.

(SHE STEPS INTO THE CENTRE OF THE OCTAGRAM)

### 34. INT. 2CV. (OB) DAY.

(BAMBERA ON THE RADIO)

BAMBERA: I copy you Greyhound one, will act accordingly. Seabird out.

(SHE PUTS THE RADIO DOWN)

You're from an alternative dimension?

ANCELYN: Yes.

BAMBERA: Good, thought so. And you don't have cars there?

ANCELYN: No.

BAMBERA: Good, thought so. Hold onto the wheel.

(BAMBERA TAKES HER HANDS OFF THE WHEEL AND STARTS TO PULL BACK THE FABRIC ROOF OF THE 2CV.

ANCELYN GRABS THE WHEEL)

### 35. EXT. 2CV. (OB) DAY.

(THE 2CV SPEEDS INTO THE WOODS.

BAMBERA STANDS
UP THROUGH THE
OPEN ROOF AND
CLICKS BACK THE
BOLT ON HER
AUTOMATIC RIFLE.

MEN AT ARMS BURST FROM THE WOOD AND START FIRING.

BAMBERA FIRES BACK IN SHORT CONTROLLED BURSTS. SPARKS FLY AND THE MEN AT ARMS ARE FORCED INTO COVER.

THE 2CV SWISHES
PAST THE MEN
AT ARMS AND
BAMBERA SITS DOWN.

THE KNIGHT COMMANDER WATCHES AS THEY PASS)

KNIGHT COMMANDER: Magnificent.

### 36. EXT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

(THE RANGE ROVER IS PULLED OVER TO ONE SIDE.

THE BRIGADIER HAS HIS RADIO OUT.

ACE IS USING BINOCULARS TO LOOK BACK AT THE WOODS.

THE DOCTOR AND SHOU YUING WITH HER)

ACE: I can't see them.

SHOU YUING: What about the bad guys?

ACE: Them neither.

BRIGADIER: What is Bambera playing at?

THE DOCTOR: I don't like this at all.

BRIGADIER: Don't worry Doctor, Bambera is a competent officer. She'll make it through.

THE DOCTOR: War is a destroyer, it makes mockery of competence.

# 37. EXT. ROAD/WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(A GROUP OF MEN AT ARMS LED BY A KNIGHT ASSEMBLE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

THEY TAKE UP POSITIONS AIMING UP THE ROAD)

# 38. EXT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

BAMBERA: (V.O.) This is Seabird. piece of cake Greyhound One. Will be with you shortly.

BRIGADIER: Much relieved to hear it Seabird.

(ACE SEES SOMETHING THROUGH THE BINOCULARS)

ACE: Professor, there's a whole pile of tinheads setting up on the road.

(THE DOCTOR TAKES THE BINOCULARS)

THE DOCTOR: Brigadier, tell Bambera she's in trouble.

# 39. INT. 2CV. (OB) DAY.

(BAMBERA GRINS AT ANCELYN WHO SMILES BACK)

BAMBERA: So tell me Ancelyn. You married or what?

(SHE LOOKS BACK AT THE ROAD AND SEES THE MEN AT ARMS BLOCKING THE ROAD.

SHE WRENCHES THE WHEEL ROUND)

# 40. EXT. ROAD/WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(THE MEN AT ARMS FIRE)

### 41. EXT. RANGE ROVER. (OB) DAY.

(A BIG BALL OF FLAME RISES FROM BEHIND THE TREELINE.

SHOU YUING TURNS AWAY.

THE DOCTOR LOOKS GRIM.

ACE MAKES AS IF TO GET BACK INTO THE RANGE ROVER)

ACE: We've got to help them.

BRIGADIER: There's nothing we can do. The area is swarming with Morgaine's troops.

ACE: Doctor?

(THE DOCTOR SHAKES HIS HEAD)

Oh no.

BRIGADIER: (CALMLY) We'd better get back to the Hotel.

(ACE LOOKS WITH HATRED AT THE BRIGADIER)

## 42. INT. FARMHOUSE. (STUDIO) DAY.

(MORGAINE STANDS IN THE OCTAGRAM WITH MORDRED.

THEY BOTH STARE INTO A LARGE CRYSTAL BALL THAT FLOATS IN THE AIR BEFORE HIM.

INSIDE IS THE IMAGE OF THE RANGE ROVER DRIVING TOWARDS THE HOTEL)

MORDRED: The Knight Commander has failed.

(THE IMAGE FADES)

MORGAINE: Be not so harsh in your judgements my son. This is Merlin.

MORDRED: And now he has Excalibur.

MORGAINE: Patience. We have forstalled Arthur's awakening. Now we shall use more subtle arts against Merlin.

#### 43. EXT. HOTEL. (OB) DAY.

(A TRUCK IS BEING UNLOADED.

SOLDIERS ARE CHECKING WEAPONS. MILITARY HARDWARE IS BEING SERVICED.

ROWLINSON AND ELIZABETH ARE WAITING WITH A FEW BELONGINGS.

BEHIND THEM A
LARGE SHROUDED
(CAR SIZED) OBJECT
IS BEING PUSHED
INTO POSITION.

SOUND OF HELICOPTER REVVING UP.

PETER STRIDES ANGRILY UP TO ELIZABETH AND ROWLINSON)

PETER: They're not going to evacuate me, so they can trample all over trust land. I'll - What's the matter, Liz?

ELIZABETH: A woman touched my face and now I can see. She killed a girl and touched my face, and now I can see.

(PETER RECOILS)

ROWLINSON: Come on love, it's time to leave.

(THEY MOVE OFF TOWARDS THE HELICOPTER.

THE DOCTOR COMES UP BEHIND PETER)

THE DOCTOR: You still want to stay?

PETER: (WEAKLY) I can't leave without Cerebus.

THE DOCTOR: Is that all?

(THE DOCTOR WHISTLES.

CEREBUS COMES BOUNDING UP AND SITS OBEDIENTLY BEFORE HIM)

(TO CEREBUS) Off you go then.

(PETER LEAVES
WITH CEREBUS AND
JOINS ROWLINSON
AND ELIZABETH
CLIMBING INTO THE
HELICOPTER.

THE DOCTOR JOINS THE BRIGADIER WHO OVERSEES THE CONFUSION)

There's enough weaponry here to fight a war.

BRIGADIER: That's the general idea.

THE DOCTOR: It's all useless Brigadier.

BRIGADIER: Not this time Doctor.

(HE SPOTS A CZECH UNIT SOLDIER CARRYING AN AMMO BOX)

(IN CZECH) Over here, open up the box.

(THE SOLDIER OPENS THE AMMO BOX.

THE BRIGADIER
TAKES A ROUND
OUT AND SHOWS
IT TO THE DOCTOR)

Armour piercing, solid core with a teflon coating. Go through a Dalek.

(HE HANDS THE ROUND TO THE DOCTOR)

THE DOCTOR: A non stick bullet?

BRIGADIER: UNIT R & D has been busy Doctor. High explosive rounds for yeti's and a very efficient semi-armoured piercing high explosive round for robots. We even have gold tipped rounds for you know what.

THE DOCTOR: No silver bullets?

BRIGADIER: Silver bullets?

THE DOCTOR: (WALKING AWAY) You never know.

BRIGADIER: (PARADE GROUND VOLUME)
Quartermaster sergeant!

(SERGEANT ARRIVES ON THE DOUBLE)

Silver bullets, do we have any?

### 44. EXT. BEERGARDEN. (OB) DAY.

(THE HELICOPTER CARRYING ROWLINSON, PETER ETC CLATTERS OVERHEAD.

Note: If a helicopter isn't available then this should be the truck.

ACE: You can come out now, it's gone.

(SHOU YUING EMERGES FROM HIDING)

SHOU YUING: That was close. I nearly got evacuated.

ACE: You may wish you had.

#### 45. INT. BAR. (STUDIO) DAY.

(MOST OF THE CHAIRS AND TABLES HAVE BEEN CLEARED UP.

SOMEONE HAS
PINNED HAND
PRINTED NOTICE
SAYING 'UNDER
NEW MANAGEMENT'
OVER THE BAR.

THICK HEAVY
CABLES RUN
ACROSS THE FLOOR
INTO THE ROOM
NEXT DOOR
(OPERATIONS ROOM)

EXCALIBUR AND IT'S SCABBARD LIE ON A TABLE.

THE DOCTOR IS GRIMLY CONTEMPLATING THE BURNT SHADOW OF LAVEL.

ACE AND SHOU YUING ENTER)

ACE: What's that?

(THE DOCTOR TURNS AWAY FROM IT)

THE DOCTOR: A shadow.

ACE: Professor, we've sussed out where the Legend of King Arthur came from.

(BRIGADIER ENTERS)

BRIGADIER: I'm sorry Miss ... young lady, but the Doctor and I have important matters to discuss.

(ACE IGNORES HIM)

ACE: We reckon that when Ancelyn's lot dumped the freeze dried King here, they must have told the story to some local.

SHOU YUING: But they couldn't cope with the more outré aspects.

ACE: So they translated it into terms they could understand. And old frozen chicken becomes the King of the Britons.

BRIGADIER: Doctor ...

THE DOCTOR: No Brigadier, this is important.

ACE: And since that's Excalibur ...

THE DOCTOR: Then it must be the source of Arthur's power.

ACE: And a vital control element for the spaceship under the lake. It wasn't stuck in a stone, it was plugged in.

THE DOCTOR: That could be it.

ACE: I bet Ancelyn knows ... knew.

BRIGADIER: (GENTLY) Major Husak is leading a detachment to recover the bodies of Brigadier Bambera and Ancelyn.

ACE: What good are their bodies.

(THE BRIGADIER LOOKS AT LAVEL'S SHADOW)

BRIGADIER: UNIT looks after it's own, alive or dead.

### 46. EXT. ROAD/WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(A SMOULDERING TYRE FROM THE 2CV, LYING BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.

MAJOR HUSAK AND TROOPS ARE EXAMINING IT.

HUSAK TRACES SKID MARKS LEADING OFF THE ROAD.

ONE OF THE DOORS IS OPEN. HE MOVES INTO THE WOODS A LITTLE WAY, BENDS DOWN AND PICKS UP BAMBERA'S BERET.

HE GETS HIS RADIO OUT)

HUSAK: Husak to HQ, the Seabirds are still operational. I repeat, the Seabirds are still operational.

### 47. INT. BAR. (STUDIO) DAY.

(THE DOCTOR, ACE AND SHOU YUING.

THE BRIGADIER RUSHES IN WITH A MAP)

BRIGADIER: Doctor. Bambera and Ancelyn are alive.

THE DOCTOR: They're alive?

BRIGADIER: (POINTING AT MAP) And Husak said they seemed to be heading north from here.

THE DOCTOR: Towards the missile convoy.

BRIGADIER: Yes, Bambera's own unit is there.

THE DOCTOR: But if they lead Morgaine's troops there -

BRIGADIER: It's a fully armed nuclear missile.

THE DOCTOR: If there were an accident.. Brigadier we must stop any engagement. Is there a helicopter available?

BRIGADIER: Better than that Doctor.

#### 48. EXT. HOTEL. (OB) DAY.

(UNIT SQUADDIES
ARE PULLING WOODEN
BRACES AWAY
FROM THE CAR
SIZED SHROUD,
LEAVING ONLY THE
TARPAULIN.

ACE, SHOU YUING, THE BRIGADIER AND THE DOCTOR WALK UP.

THE BRIGADIER
GESTURES AND THE
DOCTOR PULLS
BACK THE TARPAULIN
TO REVEAL AN
ANTIQUE ROADSTER
PAINTED BRIGHT
YELLOW)

THE DOCTOR: Bessie.

BRIGADIER: I knew how fond of it you were, so when you last went on your ... 'travels', I had it put into mothballs.

ACE: Does it run on petrol or steam?

### 49. EXT. WOODS. (OB) DAY.

(TWO MEN AT ARMS ADVANCE THROUGH THE WOODS.

THERE IS A SUDDEN BLOOD CURDLING SCREAM.

ANCELYN CHARGES
UPON THEM AND
IN A SWIFT BUT
DEADLY DISPLAY
OF SWORDMANSHIP
INCAPACITATES
THE PAIR OF THEM.

BAMBERA RUSHES IN. THEIR CLOTHING IS BLACKENED BY FIRE AND SINGED IN PARTS)

BAMBERA: Can't you do anything quietly. You'll bring Morgaine's whole army down on us.

ANCELYN: Let them come. Do you not know, I am the best Knight in the world.

(SHOUTS FROM NEARBY)

BAMBERA: Ancelyn?

ANCELYN: Yes, my lady.

BAMBERA: On this world we have a great and honourable tradition of tactical withdrawing.

ANCELYN: You wish to run. There can be but thirty of them at the most.

(BAMBERA GRABS ANCELYN BY THE SHIRT FRONT AND HOLDS HER FACE VERY CLOSE TO HIS)

BAMBERA: Ancelyn, if you don't start running, I'll kill you myself. Now come on.

(SHE GRABS HIS HAND AND PULLS HIM AWAY)

ANCELYN: Winifred?

BAMBERA: What?

ANCELYN: Art thou betrothed?

BAMBERA: (O.O.V.) Not now Ancelyn.

(SHOUTS AND SOUNDS OF MEN APPROACHING)

### 50. EXT. HOTEL. (OB) DAY.

(THE DOCTOR AND THE BRIGADIER SIT IN BESSIE.

ACE AND SHOU YUING STAND BY)

THE DOCTOR: Ace. Things may get dangerous.

(HE HANDS ACE A PIECE OF CHALK)

I want you to have this.

ACE: It looks like a piece of chalk.

THE DOCTOR: It is. I got it from the dartboard. This will protect you from Morgaine's sorcery.

ACE: A piece of chalk?

THE DOCTOR: At the first sign of anything strange. Draw a chalk circle. Then you and Shou Yuing stand inside with Excalibur and the scabbard.

ACE: A chalk circle, right Professor. Sure.

THE DOCTOR: And whatever happens, don't cross out of the circle. Wait until I return.

ACE: Doctor, you are coming back?

THE DOCTOR: Trust me.

(THE DOCTOR STARTS THE ENGINE)

Ready Brigadier?

(THE ENGINE NOISE TAKES ON A NEW, HIGH TECH WHINE ESCALATING IN FREQUENCY)

BRIGADIER: (TENSING UP) Ready.

ACE: (TO SHOU YUING) 0-60 in twenty minutes.

SHOU YUING: As fast as that?

THE DOCTOR: Appearances are deceiving Ace. Don't lose Excalibur and stay in the circle.

(THE DOCTOR SLAMS THE LEVER INTO SUPERDRIVE.

THE ENGINE TAKES ON AN UNREAL ECHOING EFFECT.

WE PAN ROUND TO ACE AND SHOU YUING.

THERE IS AN EXPLOSION OF NOISE AND THEY ARE STAGGERED BACKWARDS.

PULL BACK TO SHOW TWO TYRE TRACKS BURNT INTO THE ROAD.

THE FLAMES ARE JUST BEGINNING TO GO OUT)

ACE: Gordon Bennet!

SHOU YUING: Wicked.

# 51. INT. FARMHOUSE. (STUDIO) DAY.

(MORGAINE WATCHES BESSIE STREAK ALONG IN THE GLOBE)

MORGAINE: Merlin, you fool.

(THE GLOBE CHANGES TO SHOW SHOU YUING AND ACE IN THE BAR WITH EXCALIBUR)

To place such a trust with children. I swear that you shall rue this day.

(SHE RAISES HER ARMS)

If you live.

#### 52. INT. BAR. (STUDIO) DAY.

(ACE IS EXAMINING AN AMMO CASE ON ONE OF THE TABLES.

SHOU YUING IS WALKING OVER)

SHOU YUING: What is it?

(ACE OPENS THE CASE)

ACE: Silver bullets.

(SHE HOLDS UP A ROUND TO SHOW SHOU YUING)

SHOU YUING: What did the Doctor say? "At the first sign of something strange ..."

(THE LIGHTS FLICKER)

ACE: Looks like Colonel Blimp has fancy taste in hardware.

SHOU YUING: You don't like him much do you?

ACE: I like to be treated as a person.
Not a 'latest one'. Anyway, I don't
trust him to guard the Professor's
back. That's my job.

(THE LIGHTS DIM FOR A NOTICEABLE MOMENT)

SHOU YUING: Do you think that counts as strange.

ACE: We'd better draw that circle.

# 53. INT. FARMHOUSE. (STUDIO) DAY.

(IT HAS BECOME VERY DIM INSIDE THE FARMHOUSE.

MORGAINE STANDS
ILLUMINATED ONLY
BY AN EERIE
GLOW FROM THE
GLOBE)

MORGAINE: With this fire I shall summon you, with this silver I shall bind you.

(MORGAINE'S SHADOW GROWS INTO THE SILOUETTE OF A HUGE HUMANOID MONSTER, WITH HORNS)

#### 54. INT. BAR. (STUDIO) DAY.

(ACE AND SHOU YUING STAND INSIDE THE COMPLETED CHALK CIRCLE)

ACE: Do you think we should sprinkle holy water or something?

SHOU YUING: I don't know, I'm chinese, this isn't my mythology.

(THE LIGHTS GO OUT)

Ace?

ACE: Yes.

SHOU YUING: It's the middle of the afternoon isn't it?

ACE: Last time I looked.

SHOU YUING: Then why is it so dark?

#### 55. EXT. BEDEVERE'S RIDGE. (OB) DAY.

(BESSIE COMES TO A HALT.

DOWN BELOW THE MISSILE CONVOY IS UNDER ATTACK BY MEN AT ARMS.

EXPLOSIONS, TROOPS MILLING ABOUT. DISTANT SOUND OF GUNFIRE AND MEN'S SCREAMS.

BRIGADIER PUTS DOWN THE RADIO)

BRIGADIER: Doctor, I've just received the most peculiar report from the hotel.

THE DOCTOR: Did it say anything about Ace and Shou Yuing?

BRIGADIER: No. All they said was, inight has fallen here'.

THE DOCTOR: I'll deal with that later. First I've got to stop this bloodshed.

BRIGADIER: How Doctor, stand in the middle and shout stop.

THE DOCTOR: Good idea.

## 56. INT. BAR. (STUDIO) TWILIGHT.

(ACE AND SHOU YUING SIT BACK TO BACK INSIDE THE CHALK CIRCLE.

ACE HOLDS EXCALIBUR, SHOU YUING HAS THE SCABBARD)

SHOU YUING: What did you say?

ACE: What?

SHOU YUING: Nothing.

(PAUSE)

ACE: This is stupid.

SHOU YUING: What did you call me?

ACE: I said 'this is stupid', this. You deaf or something?

SHOU YUING: No you didn't, I heard you. You called me stupid.

ACE: I'm not a freak.

SHOU YUING: What?

ACE: I said I'm not a freak, I'm Ace, you dumb or what?

(SHOU YUING GETS ANGRILY TO HER FEET)

SHOU YUING: I am not stupid.

ACE: Then why do you say stupid things?

SHOU YUING: That's good coming from a misfit like you.

(ACE GETS UP AND FACES HER. THEY MOVE TOWARDS THE EDGE OF THE CIRCLE)

ACE: Watch your mouth toad face, or I'll knock your teeth in.

SHOU YUING: I bet nobody likes you.

ACE: Shut up.

(NEARLY AT THE EDGE OF THE CIRCLE)

SHOU YUING: First chance he got, the Doctor went off without you.

ACE: Shut up, shut up.

SHOU YUING: I bet even your parents hated your guts.

ACE: Shut up you yellow slant eyed ...

(ACE FREEZES IN HORROR.

THE TWO WOMEN STARE AT EACH OTHER. THEN AT THE CIRCLE. THEY ARE ALMOST OUT.

THEY GRAB EACH OTHER FOR COMFORT)

Somebody's playing games with our minds.

# 57. INT. FARMHOUSE. (STUDIO) TWILIGHT.

(MORGAINE WATCHES SHOU YUING AND ACE COWERING, IN THE GLOBE.

HER MISHAPEN SHADOW SEEMS TO MOVE INDEPENDENTLY OF HER.

THERE IS A SOUND LIKE VAST BREATHING)

MORGAINE: They breed their children strong on this world. No matter. There shall be an end to these games.

#### 58. EXT. CONVOY. (OB) DAY.

(A MAJOR EXCHANGE OF FIRE BETWEEN UNIT TROOPS AND THE MEN AT ARMS IN THE WOODS.

ANCELYN STANDS UP AND STRIDES FORWARD)

ANCELYN: Mordred, face me Mordred. Is your army not enough to give you courage.

(MORDRED STRIDES OUT OF THE WOODS)

MORDRED: Courage. To face you Ancelyn. Who fled the field at Camlaan. Ancelyn the craven, I call you.

is

\_\_(BAMBERA RUSHES TO ANCELYN'S SIDE)

BAMBERA: Ancelyn, get under cover.

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ANCELYN: What care I for the words of a half man. Who cowers from a woman's wrath.

(THEY BOTH RAISE THEIR SWORDS AND CHARGE TOWARDS EACH OTHER. SCREAMING HORRIBLY.

BEFORE ANCELYN AND BAMBERA CAN MEET THE DOCTOR SPRINGS OUT OF NOWHERE BETWEEN THEM)

# THE DOCTOR: Stop, I command it.

(SILENCE.

THE BRIGADIER JOINS HIM.

THE DOCTOR CIRCLES, ADDRESSING MEN AT ARMS AND UNIT TROOPS ALIKE)

There will be no battle here.

(MORDRED IS LAUGHING)

MORDRED: This is not a battle, it is but a ruse, a diversion.

THE DOCTOR: (STUNNED) No.

MORDRED: My mother hath summomed The Destroyer. The Lord of Darkness, Eater of Worlds. Look to your child guardians, for soon they shall be no more.

THE DOCTOR: (ANGUISH) Ace. What have I done?

# 59. INT. BAR. (STUDIO) DARK.

(ACE AND SHOU YUING COWER IN THE CHALK CIRCLE.

TERRIFIED FACES LIT BY A GLOW THAT FORMS IN THE ROOM.

THE GLOW COALESCES AND BECOMES MORGAINE)

MORGAINE: I am Morgaine of the Faye. I am power beyond your imaginings. Surrender to me what is mine by right of conquest. Give me Excalibur.

ACE: Never.

MORGAINE: Then you shall be given over to The Destroyer.

(THE SHADOW OF THE DESTROYER RISES OUT OF THE FLOOR)

And be his handmaidens in Hell.

FADE OUT